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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Jocksdorf Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 8 June 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. In March 1953, the clearing of woods to an undetermined extent was under way in the area between Jocksdorf, Preschen and Gross-Koelzig. The roads leading to this area, particularly the Jocksdorf-Preschen road, was blocked by civilian guard personnel. Only workers with a permit of the Bezirksamt in Forst had admittance to the blocked terrain.
2. The railroad embankment which branched off to the east from the Forst-Doebern railroad line south of Simmersdorf had sunk in the marshy area southeast of Simmersdorf in the Winter of 1952/1953 and, therefore, had to be raised repeatedly. In March, only an 800-meter standard-gauge spur track was laid from the branch-off point while narrow-gauge field rails were still there. Some rails of the standard-gauge track were welded.
3. Red-white surveyor pegs were put into the ground along the Gross-Schacksdorf-Preschen road in line with Jocksdorf. A row of poles, about 1 meter high, 15 cm in diameter and 30 to 40 meters apart extended in a west-easterly direction between Gross-Schacksdorf and the edge of the woods south of Gross-Schacksdorf.
4. A meadow in the woods about 1.5 km southeast of Jocksdorf was merged in a clearing which extended to the northeast as far as the Gross-Schacksdorf-Preschen road in the vicinity of Jocksdorf. In April, the clearing including the meadow measured about 3,000 x 600 meters.
5. A tent camp surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and watchtowers was located in the southern corner of the above mentioned meadow. This camp was allegedly occupied by German convicts who were employed as construction workers. Low wooden buildings were being erected on the northern edge of the meadow adjacent west to the buildings of the former flax mill. Construction material arrived there.
6. In April, the road between Simmersdorf and the southern section of Gross-Schacksdorf was improved for utilization of heavy vehicles. At the same time, a dirt road which branched off to the south toward Gosda was being paved. A narrow-gauge field railway extended from the sand hills near Mattendorf into the clearing mentioned above.
7. The construction staff of the airfield which was previously quartered in the vicinity of Simmersdorf railroad station moved to Jocksdorf in early April. A detail of about 200 VP men was quartered at the construction site. It was rumored in early April, that more than 1,000 convicts were to be hauled to the construction site.

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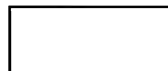
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
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 Comment. These statements on Jocksdorf airfield contain the first information on the approximate size of the field area. For roads and locations mentioned, see Map GSGS 4414, sheet 4353.

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